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1. PRESIDENT TUSCAN REGIONAL GOVERNMENT LELIO LAGORIO, ALDERMEN MACCHERONI AND RAUGI VISITED CAMP DARBY AS SCHEDULED MORNING MARCH 9. IN ADDITION TO BASE COMMANDER COLONEL FORD, CONSUL WRIGHT AND MYSELF, GROUP WAS ACCOMPANIED BY BOTH AMERICAN AND ITALIAN MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATED WITH CAMP DARBY OPERATIONS. IT IS MY OPINION THAT VISIT WAS HANDLED IN AN INTELLIGENT, OPEN AND EFFECTIVE MANNER BY OUR CAMP DARBY HOSTS. I ALSO BELIEVE THAT COMMAND BRIEFING AND TOUR OF BASE WAS CONSIDERED MOST SATISFACTORY BY OUR VISITORS WHO ARE NOW BETTER EDUCATED IN THE OPERATION OF THIS IMPORTANT MILITARY BASE AND WHO ARE NOW KNOWLEDGEABLE CONCERNING THE DETAILS OF PROPOSED DOCK AND CANAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT. FINALLY, THEY HAVE SEEN FOR THEMSELVES THE REFORESTATION WHICH HAS ALREADY TAKEN PLACE IN AREAS WHERE TREES HAD TO BE CUT DOWN AND THEY WERE SHOWN PLANS FOR CONSIDERABLE ADDITIONAL REFORESTATION. MY COMPLIMENTS TO COLONEL FORD AND ASSOCIATES FOR THEIR EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE.

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2. THERE FOLLOWS INFORMAL CONSULATE TRANSLATION OF PRESS RELEASE ISSUED BY THE REGIONAL GOVERNMENT AND CARRIED IN "LA NAZIONE" NEWSPAPER.

QUOTE

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REGION LAGORIO, ACCOMPANIED BY ALDERMEN GIACOMO MACCHERONI AND DINO RAUGI, HAS VISITED CAMP DARBY. LAGORIO - WHO HAD BEEN INVITED BY THE CONSUL GENERAL OF THE U.S.A. MR. ROBERT GORDON - WAS GREETED BY HIM, BY CONSUL WRIGHT, BY COLONEL FORD COMMANDER OF THE 8TH SUPPORT GROUP U.S. ARMY, AND BY OTHER OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ITALIAN ARMY IN CAMP DARBY'S MIXED COMMISSION.

THE AMERICAN AND ITALIAN OFFICERS EXPLAINED TO THE GUESTS THE CAMP'S PURPOSES AND OPERATIONS AND, IN PARTICULAR, THEY EXPLAINED THE PROJECT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CANAL AND A DOCK INSIDE THE CAMP WITH ACCESS FROM THE NAVICELLI CANAL WHICH CONNECTS THE PORTS OF LIVORNO AND PISA. AS IT IS KNOWN, THE PROJECT IS PRESENTLY UNDER EXAMINATION BY THE TECHNICAL OFFICES OF THE TUSCAN REGION.

SUBSEQUENTLY, LAGORIO AND THE TWO ALDERMEN WERE TAKEN TO VISIT THE AREA WHERE THE AMERICAN DOCK ON THE NAVICELLI CANAL HAS BEEN LOCATED FOR A LONG TIME AND ALSO WHERE, ACCORDING TO THE PROJECT, THE NEW FACILITIES ARE TO BE BUILT.

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3. COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER "L'UNITA" CARRIED ARTICLE WITH INFORMATION SIMILAR TO THAT CONTAINED PARAGRAPH TWO, UNCLASSIFIED

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WITH ADDITIONAL MENTION OF VISIT TO REFORESTED AREA AND PREVIOUSLY REPORTED OPPOSITION OF PISA CITY COUNCIL TO PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.
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